Montana Grass Conservation Commission

Zoom Meeting Minutes for March 27th, 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Call to order, Chairman Craig French

Directors Present: Craig French, Audra Ortega, Kevin Elias.

Directors Absent: Sigrid Pugrud, Travis Brown.

Others Present: Ellie Brighton - MASGD, Mark Bostrom – DNRC, Bryce Maxwell & Kyle Kaskie – State Library, Krystal Jones – JG Research and Evaluation.

Minutes from Previous Zoom Meeting dated December 10th, 2024.

The Minutes from December 10th, 2024, Zoom Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Audra Ortega made a motion to approve the minutes of December 10th, 2024, Zoom Meeting, Kevin Elias 2nd motion, motion passed.

There was no public comment.

Reorganization of the Montana Grass Conservation Commission Board.

Audra Ortega nominated Craig French for Chairman, Kevin Elias seconded the motion, motion passed.

There was no discussion. No Public comment.

Kevin Elias nominated Audra Ortega for Vice Chairman, Craig French seconded the motion, motion passed.

There was no discussion or public comment.

Krystal Jones from JG Research and Evaluation – Update and Discussion of latest (Request for Proposal) RFP History of Grazing Districts Federal/State Laws.

Krystal Jones provided background on JG Research and Evaluation. Mark Bostrom noted that DNRC approves the company and project. Audra Ortega requested that the content materials be concise, easy to understand, and user-friendly; Mark Bostrom agreed with these points. Mark Bostrom also drew up a Non-Disclosure Agreement for JG Research and Evaluation to sign.

Update on the mapping project with the State Library and Grazing Districts.

Bryce Maxwell from the State Library gave information and background information and the purpose of the State Library. All the information gathered by the State Library will be available online. The Grazing District maps were reviewed by the Board and representatives from the State Library. The Board requested that there be a cadastral layer added to the Grazing District borders.

There was no public comment.

Appoint Point of contact from the Montana Grass Conservation Commission Board for mapping project and the Federal/State Laws project.

Kevin Elias moved to nominate Sandra K. Brown. Audra Ortega seconded the motion, motion passed.

Mark Bostrom mentioned a Non-Disclosure Agreement, and that there are new updates to the website.

Public Comment or any other business that comes before the Montana Grass Conservation Commission.

No public comment.

Craig French – Chairman
